GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING / INFILTRATION THROUGH BORDERING STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to curb smuggling of explosives, arms and infiltration by terrorists into India via West Bengal`s long and porous borders with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan; and

(b) the vital clues found on curbing extremist activities and repeated seizures of arms and explosives and interrogation of those arrested in India ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)
(a) The Border Security Force on the Indo-Bangladesh border and the State Government of West Bengal have been alerted to maintain vigil for better policing and patrolling of Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders to prevent smuggling of explosives, arms and infiltration of terrorists into India. The neighbouring countries viz Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan have been sensitised on our security concerns.
(b) The seizures of arms and explosives and interrogation of those arrested revealed the following:-
1) Smuggling of arms and explosives to sabotage vital installations; 2) Destabilisation of economy through circulation of fake currency notes; and 3) Espionage activities with reference to Military establishments etc.